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November 14, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**REFUND OF THE GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICE FEES
FISCAL YEAR 2005-06
BELVEDERE AND MESA HEIGHTS GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICTS
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1 AND 2
4 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the Director of Public Works to refund the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Garbage Collection and Disposal Service Fees to those property owners in the Belvedere and Mesa Heights Garbage Disposal Districts (Districts) who utilized dumpster services during the entire Fiscal Year, and submit a refund application to the Director of Public Works no later than February 28, 2007, unless otherwise extended by the Director of Public Works, under special circumstances on a case-by-case basis.
2. The amount of refund is estimated to be \$610,000 (GA2 Fund) for the Belvedere District and \$78,000 (GA6 Fund) for the Mesa Heights District.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The proposed recommendation provides for the continuation of the Service Fees Refund Program for Fiscal Year 2005-06. In previous years, your Board authorized Public Works to refund service fees to those customers in the Districts who subscribed

to dumpster services during the entire Fiscal Year in lieu of utilizing waste receptacles provided by the Districts' contract waste haulers.

Currently, the Districts' contracts contain provisions for weekly refuse collection in unlimited quantities and the handling of recyclables and green waste material. The contracts for Fiscal Year 2005-06 did not include any provisions for collecting waste placed in dumpsters at multi-family residences and/or businesses within the Districts. The owners of these properties are charged an annual Garbage Collection and Disposal Service Fee on their property tax bill in addition to incurring charges from their private hauler for dumpster services. Therefore, it is recommended that the Service Fees Refund Program for these Districts be continued for Fiscal Year 2005-06.

Upon your Board's approval, all identified and eligible property owners within the Districts will be notified of the Service Fees Refund Program for Fiscal Year 2005-06 by U.S. Mail.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility. The Service Fees Refund Program will provide refunds only to those qualified property owners within the Districts who are assessed an annual Garbage Collection and Disposal Service Fee on their property tax bill in addition to incurring charges by their subscription for dumpster services during Fiscal Year 2005-06.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund. Upon approval by your Board, the refunds will be paid from each District's fund. Based on the estimated 3,100 and 390 parcels in the Belvedere and Mesa Heights Garbage Disposal Districts, respectively, that utilized dumpster services during Fiscal Year 2005-06, we anticipate the refund totals will be approximately \$610,000 and \$78,000 for the Belvedere and Mesa Heights Garbage Disposal Districts, respectively.

Sufficient funding is available in each District's Fund to provide for the refunds.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

County Counsel concurs with the above recommendation.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended Board action will have no impact on the Districts' waste collection services provided to the customers.

CONCLUSION

Please return two adopted copies of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Auditor Controller
Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel